Brigade Command Policy # 01-06

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MEMORANDUM FOR 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division (Mech)

SUBJECT: KIDS 2000: Knowledge, Initiative, Dedication, and Success

1. REFERENCES: CG Policy Letter #16-3

2. PURPOSE: To establish guidelines for the KIDS 2000 program.

- 3. KIDS 2000 is a partnership between Fort Riley and USD # 475 which encourages soldiers, family members, and Department of Army (DA) civilians to volunteer in the school district.
- 4. The goals of KIDS 2000 are to enhance the educational / vocational experiences of students; promote good citizenship and patriotism; foster a positive image of the United States Army; eliminate substance abuse and increase parental involvement.
- 5. Programs such as KIDS 2000 are growing, both within the Army and corporate America. Programs results are reduced drop-out rates, exposing children to the work environment, and providing esteembuilding alternatives to gang membership, violence, and unemployment. With the help of generous volunteers, KIDS 2000 will provide similar benefits.
- 6. Soldiers will be allowed to volunteer to mentor at a participating USD #475 school, for up to one hour per week and can be allowed to mentor more hours based upon their immediate commander's balancing of mission and this great program. For soldiers, this time will be considered non-duty hours, and appropriate civilian attire or military uniform may be worn.
- 7. Units will sponsor assigned schools within USD #475 for partnership activities. A unit Point-of-Contact will meet with the school's representative at least once each quarter to plan activities and seek membership on the school's site council. Units from the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division are affiliated with the following schools of USD #475:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>School</u>
1-34 AR	Eisenhower Elementary	1 EN	Jefferson Elementary
2-34 AR	Fort Riley Elementary	1-5 FA	Washington Elementary
1-16 IN	Westwood Elementary	101 FSB	Sheridan Elementary

- 7. Parental involvement increases the success of KIDS 2000. Therefore, soldiers will be encouraged and allowed to attend parent-teacher conferences.
- 8. I challenge you to use this program to invest in our future through fostering a positive, successoriented attitude among the children we assist in KIDS 2000.
- 9. POC for this policy is the BCT S1

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